

*In 2018, the Presbytery of Long Island, as a partnership of churches, is committed to
Hunger Relief, Immigration Ministries, and Youth Outreach*

STATED MEETING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 – SHELTER ISLAND

Elder Donald Adams, Moderator

DOCKET

Rev. Kate Jones Calone, Stated Clerk



9:30 AM Sign In & Fellowship

9:50 AM Wordly Presentation (p-2) Rev. Kate Jones Calone

10:00 AM Land Acknowledgment

Elder Heather Reylek

The Presbytery of Long Island acknowledges that the land on which we gather—first known by names such as Paumanake, Sewanhacky, and Wamponomon, and after colonization also called Long Island—is the ancestral territory and unceded homelands of many communities of Indigenous peoples, including the Canarsies, Rockaways, Merricks, Massapeguas, Matinecocks, Nissaquogues, Setaukets, Corchaugs, Secatogues, Unkechaugs, Shinnecock, Montaukett, and Manhansets. We honor their stewardship under God of this land for over 11,000 years.

As residents of Long Island, we confess and lament the systematic removal, isolation, and forced assimilation of the original stewards of creation. As members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we acknowledge that our denomination has been both the beneficiary of the Doctrine of Discovery and an active participant in the exclusion and erasure of native peoples and the denial of their sovereignty. As neighbors and siblings in the human family of the Creator, we honor the current and future generations of Indigenous nations and communities and commit to learn and grow in solidarity and just relationships.

Please rise in Body or Spirit and remain standing through the opening hymn.

Gathering

Moderator, Elder Donald Adams

Call to Worship (from Isa. 61:1–3 and worship during the 226th General Assembly of the PC(USA))

Leader The Spirit of God is upon us,

All **because God has anointed us to proclaim good news to the poor.**

Leader God has sent us to bind up the brokenhearted,

All **to proclaim freedom for the captives and release for the prisoners;**

Leader to proclaim the year of God's favor

All **and the day of action of our God;**

Leader to comfort all who mourn

All **and provide for those who grieve;**

Leader to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,

All **the oil of joy instead of mourning,**

Leader and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

All **Let us raise our voices and worship God.**

Prayer

Moderator, Elder Donald Adams

Hymn #322

We Are One in Christ Jesus (sing through twice)

power point or GTG #322

10:05 AM Welcoming

Greetings from the host church

Roll Call and Excuses

Reception of Corresponding Members

Welcome of Elders Commissioners and Ministers attending Presbytery for the first time

Moderator, Elder Donald Adams

Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison

Stated Clerk, Rev. Kate Jones Calone

Moderator Elder Donald Adams

***Presentation and Adoption of the Docket (pp 3-6)**

Moderator, Elder Donald Adams

Motion 1

Adoption of the Docket

10:20 AM WORSHIP

The Word

Special Choir Music

"Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place"

Shelter Island Church Choir

by Gordon Young

organist - Jeffery Wentz

Scriptures

Isaiah 55:3-6

Rev. Kerry Riddle

Sermon

"God Moments"

GA Commissioner Rev. Kerry Riddle

GA Commissioner Elder Sandy Santana

GA Young Adult Advisory Delegate Elder Justin Seecharan

Responding to the Word

*Hymn #772

Live into Hope

Installation of 2025 Moderator Elder Ellen Gove (p 7-8)

Moderator, Elder Donald Adams

Stated Clerk, Rev. Kate Jones Calone

Offering - To support the food pantry of the Shelter Island

The Shelter Island Food Pantry - although a separate entity from the Church - is housed in and offers its services at the Shelter Island Presbyterian Church. With the Pantry open two days a week offering both morning and afternoon/evening hours, the volunteers create opportunity for many Islanders who have food insecurity to come get what they need without questions.

Offering Prayer (from worship during the 226th General Assembly of the PC(USA))

ALL Loving God, as we give our offerings, we remember the words of Jesus, declaring the fulfillment of your promises. Just as Jesus proclaimed good news, we dedicate these gifts to the witness and work of your kin-dom. May these offerings bring hope and healing, justice and peace to those in need. Empower us to be your hands and feet in the world, spreading your love and grace to all. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that Love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

Necrology

Remembering and giving thanks to God for the lives and service of the elders who died in 2023

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Our worship continues with the work of the gathered Body of Christ in the Presbytery of Long Island...

- 11:10 AM *Stated Clerk (pp 9-11)** Stated Clerk, Rev. Kate Jones Calone
Motion 2 That Presbytery approves the minutes of the Stated Meeting held on June 15, 2024
- Necrology Report (p 10)
- Committee Reports Without Action**
Committee on Preparation for Ministry (p 10)
Valley Stream AC Report (p 11)
- 11:20 AM *Personnel (p 11)** Elder Ellen Gove
Motion 3 Recommends that the Presbytery approve a 2.6% salary increase for staff in 2025
- 11:25 AM Treasurer Report (p 12)** Charlaine Apsel
- 11:30 AM *Budget and Finance Committee (p 13-16)** Rev. Jim Crawford
Motion 4 To increase Per Capita to \$27.00 per member for the Presbytery portion
Motion 5 To adopt the 2025 budget as presented
- 11:40 AM *Advance Planning (p 17)** Rev. Wade Pond
Motion 6 To approve the dates for 2025 Presbytery meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2025 @ 6:00 PM - Zoom
Saturday, May 3, 2025 @ 9:00 AM - In-Person Location TBD
Tuesday, September 16, 2025 @ 10:00 AM - In-Person Location TBD
Saturday, November 15, 2025 @ 9:00 AM - In-Person Northport
- 11:45 AM *Trustees (pp 17-21)** Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison
Motion 7 To adopt the attached resolutions entitled "Conveyance of Real Property of Extinct
Glenwood Presbyterian Church and Congregation"
- 2023 Financial Review Report**
(found on our website under "Presbytery Meeting - Individual Presbytery Documents")
- 11:50 AM *Committee on Ministry (pp -22-34)** Rev. Katie Mulligan
Please see the report for full written motions.
- Motion 8** To adopt the Presbytery of Long Island Administrative Leave Policy
- Motion 9** That the Presbytery of Long Island concurs with the request from the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove, 7 North Ln, Glen Cove, NY 11542, to dissolve the congregation and appoint an Administrative Commission to oversee the closing process.
- Motion 10** That the Presbytery of Long Island appoints an Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove NY, to act on the Presbytery's behalf, with the power to ...
- Motion 11** That the moderators appoint members of the Glen Cove Administrative Commission

Motion 12 The Committee on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery confer the status of retired on the Rev. Adrian Pratt effective December 1, 2024.

- 12:00 PM Service of Recognition of Retirement Rev. Adrian Pratt (p 35)**
Words of Recognition
Elder Rebecca Wright *Bridgehampton*
Rev. Jeff Prey *Oyster Bay* - words by Elder Andrew Smith, *an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Wales*
Recognition of Service and Prayer Moderator Elder Donald Adams
Thanks from the Presbytery Rev. Kate Jones Calone
- 12:15 PM Pray With Us (p 36)** Moderator Elder Donald Adams
Breakout groups
- 12:45 PM Break**
- 1:00 PM GA Q & A** Rev. Kate Jones Calone
Commissioner Rev. Kerry Riddle
Commissioner Elder Sandy Santana
Young Adult Advisory Delegate Elder Justin Seecharan
- 1:15 PM * Committee on Nominations / Committee on Representation (p 37)** Elder Jolynn Kendrick
Motion 13 To approve the submitted slate of the Committee on Nominations
- 1:20 PM Matthew 25 - "Living into Our Matthew 25 Commitment"**
Shelter Island Elder Marilyn Pysher
Chair of Mission and Outreach at Shelter Island Presbyterian Church
- 1:30 PM *Shepherding Council (pp 38-45)** Elder Ellen Gove
"Save the Date" - Presbytery Day on November 16, 2024 (p 39)
- Motion 14** To approve the Harassment Policy for the Presbytery (p 40-42)
- Motion 15** To unrestrict all but \$875,000 of the previously restricted funds for New Church Development, to be used for (a) addressing financial requirements related to churches under an Administrative Commission or in transition, including legal costs and outstanding debt; (b) the mission/vision priorities of the presbytery, as identified by the visioning team, which may include the creation of new worshiping communities; and (c) other needs as approved by the Shepherding Council.
- *Foundations and Horizons Task Force (pp 43-45)** Rev. Peter Kelley
- Motion 16** To approve the Provisional Policy on Assets to apply to all future assets that come into the Presbytery.
- 1:50 PM Adjournment, Closing Prayer & Benediction** Moderator, Elder Donald Adams

Please join us for lunch and fellowship following the meeting.